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The Virden Advance.

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A WORD TO THE WISE.

Virden is probably the best point for wheat, both as regards its position and also considering the vast tract of excellent farming land round it, between Winnipeg and Calgary. It is, therefore, very necessary that the wheat trade in the town should be fostered and encouraged by all possible means. Now the essential points necessary to make a town a good market, are good roads, plenty of buyers, good elevator accommodation and a steady price. This last is perhaps the most essential of all, and is, unfortunately for the town, one of which our local buyers take very little consideration. It is a well known fact, and a fact which occurs almost weekly, that a very high price will be given for a few loads of grain, perhaps really more than the grain is worth.

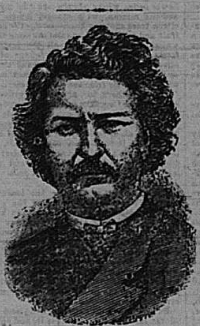
The apparently fortunate farmers who secure these top prices spread the news far and wide on their homeward journey, and straightaway all the farmers round begin to expect that such a price will be given for their wheat. They only find that they cannot get with-in 20 cents per bushel of what was given for wheat of the same grade a few days previously. Now this is really wrong, and our local buyers cannot have it put before them too strongly. If a fair and moderate price were paid for wheat all along, but there little or there much on the market, the farmer would know what to expect and would bring their wheat into Virden regularly, not even if not overvalued, with the price they would be forced to expect, of finding that four or five days later a difference of from fifteen to twenty cents per bushel on the same sample of wheat.

The ultimate effect of this coquetting with prices will be to drive the wheat which should come into Virden to the neighboring towns of Elkhorst and Oak Lake. Already the latter is making vast strides and taking thousands of bushels which, not for the great fluctuation of prices here, would come into this market. And what is the reason? The buyers there see the necessity of keeping prices within certain limits, and also of buying all wheat that comes into the market. A farmer brings wheat into town and it is refused by the buyers simply because they are not buying that particular grade. What is the farmer to do with his grain? There is no place to store it, and probably having come over twenty miles it is impossible for him to take it home again.

This brings up the question of the town requiring more elevator accommodation. The elevators in the town at present are totally inadequate to meet the requirements of the farmers, for the least rush of grain renders them absolutely inoperative, in a few hours they are choked and then come the great drops in price, not because the wheat in the open market has dropped but simply because the local elevators are full and the buyers wish to stop the flow of grain into the town. What Virden really wants is a new elevator, and if the inhabitants wish to keep the wheat trade in the town they must be about getting one built at once. Delay will only make things worse and worse; next year will not do. The town has already suffered such that it is generally thought through the want of elevator accommodation. Another elevator must be built.

This year has seen more buyers than ever in the town, but they are ac-

tually being driven away because there are not sufficient means for shipping the wheat they buy. The action of the C.P.R. authorities in refusing to ship wheat in bulk excepting through the elevators cannot be too strongly condemned. As long as the elevators were capable of handling all the wheat brought to them farmers were willing to ship through them, but when the elevators became choked the least the C.P.R. authorities could do was to let wheat be shipped in bulk direct into the car. They were asked but flatly refused to do so. The town has but little to expect in the way of encouragement from the C.P.R. but let this not be a reason for the inhabitants to neglect their own welfare. Build an elevator and it will be more than paid for this winter in the increase of business it will bring to the town.



EXECUTION OF RIEL.

Scenes at the Scaffold.

The Doomed man Firm at the Last.

Winnipeg, Nov. 16.—At 8 o'clock this morning everything was in readiness for the execution of Louis Riel. The doomed man was kneeling near the scaffold, to the eastward, and Father McWilliam was repeating the prayer for the dying. Pere Andre, Dr. Jones and others were standing near by.

Scarcely 8 o'clock Pere Andre administered the sacrament to Riel. He gave the responses in a firm and steady voice. He was dressed in a black coat and brown trousers.

The hangman now appeared bearing a rope to bind Riel. Riel, true to his word and was followed by the hangman, the operation being superintended by Deputy Sheriff O'Brien, Riel making no resistance. Riel walked firmly to scaffold repeating, "In God I put my trust."

As Riel stood on the drop with his face turned to the north, he said: "I do ask for forgiveness for all men, and that all my enemies may be forgiven." The executioner now placed a white cloth over Riel's head, both private building and repeating prayers for the dying.

At 8:23 the drop fell and Louis Riel was launched into eternity.

The Fall Assizes.

The Fall assizes, for the Western Judicial District, opened at Brandon on Tuesday the 10th inst. His Lordship, Judge Kilham, presiding.

The criminal docket contained but one case, that of an Indian woman attempting to poison another. Owing to the distance from the scene of the said attempt at crime, and the apparent weakness of proof, the Crown deemed it prudent to discontinue no witnesses nor incurr any expenses that could be avoided.

The Grand Jury decided as their foreman Mr. Samuel Hanna.

In the Queen vs. the Indian woman the Grand Jury found No Bill.

The Civil docket contained but six cases, three of them jury cases. The only case of interest to this district was Lang vs. Ogilvie Milling Co., the jury returning a verdict for the plaintiff for \$459.21.

Owing to the press of matter we are unable to give His Lordship's address to the Grand Jury.

WAR DECLARED.

Serbia Finally Takes the Decisive Step.

Fatal Encounters on the Border.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but are willing to give space to their views on any subject for the discussion of public questions.

We shall welcome any letter unless accompanied with the name and address of the sender, and necessarily intended for publication.

BEULAH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Miss Lamora Hill has been engaged as teacher for this school, and commenced her duties on Monday morning. The school has been vacant for some time, but now that a teacher has been secured those anxious for an education will be able to store their heads with knowledge. Learning is about the only thing that pays these hard times.

A very serious, if not fatal, accident occurred about ten miles east of here last Saturday. A young man, by the name of Beulah, drove up from Oak River to Melserach's. At the latter place he pulled out his halberd to his horse, and in so doing discharged a gun lying in the bottom of the rig. The full charge entered his wrist, shattering the bone and severing the artery. Excessive bleeding had so weakened him that on the arrival of Dr. Kelston the necessary operation could not be performed. At the time of writing, owing to the loss of blood, it is very uncertain if he will have strength to pull through. The horse that was ridden to fetch the doctor dropped dead ere it reached home. Mr. Beulah has only been married a few months.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mr. Thor. Orr threatened 1970 bushels of oats on Thursday for Mr. Bennett in eight hours.

If the present fine weather continues the probabilities are that there will be more ploughing this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. English are leaving the prairie for city life once more.

Mr. Samuel Henderson left last week for Winnipeg, where he intends spending the winter. He will be greatly missed around here, especially in the literary meetings, as he took a prominent part in the debates.

Quite a crowd gathered at the Literary meeting, last Saturday, and a good program was gone through, after which there was considerable discussion on the questions of "Half-stop Insurance" and "Red Cross Insurance." Riel was passed, thinking the Virden friends for their liberality in subscribing so generously to the funds for the erection of a statue in his honor. The debate for the next meeting will be "Which is the more powerful—the pen or the sword?" with Messrs. Crosby and Hunter as leaders. Mr. Barney All was selected as chairman for next night out of a large number of competitors.

There is room for plenty of dissatisfaction in connection with the style of wheat buying down on the Virden market. Of course when a buyer sees his own money to purchase with he has no right to complain if he tries to make a reasonable profit, but the elevator men have a monopoly to a certain extent, and in consideration of the same should have the economy to offer within a few cents of what the article is worth. A neighbor here was offered 80 cents by the largest grain buyer in Virden for good red eye wheat that had never been touched by the frost (having been cut a week ahead of it) and that was almost entirely clear of mud. Now this same load was sold at 60 cents to another Virden buyer, which was 10 cents more than the largest buyer in Virden would give. There is too much difference here. Another man was offered 30 cents by a buyer, but the buyer referred to above came up and told him (in a sort of edge whisper) that this farmer had shipped his grain himself, and advised him not to pay so much, the consequence being that the first offer was withdrawn and 30 cents offered instead. This is truly a fine way of giving the farmer the benefit that they all talk so much about.

November 11th.

Mr. Thor. Tapp and Mr. Jas. Lang start on a trip to Ontario this week, where it is possible that they may remain for the winter if the cold does not prove too intense.

Mr. Wm. Lavaca has finished the mammoth job of thrashing at Mr. Powers', and his genial face is again to be seen among us. He was at Mr. Dickey's on Monday and will be at Mr. Austin's on Thursday or Friday.

A shooting match took place last Thursday with T. Tapp and W. C. Montgomery as captains. The following were the scores: W. C. Montgomery, 125; E. Stanley, 201; R. English, 150; Allan Lang, 140; A. Sloan, 135; R. Winters, 125; A. Dale, 65; W. Carr, 80; Jas. Montgomery, 60; T. Bennett, 200; Barney Ault, 265; W. Tanner, 165; A. H. Efford, 155; Jas.

Bellwell, 138; Thos. Hoar, 110; A. McKinley, 105; W. Hodkins, 80; A. E. Smith, 50; R. English, 40. Total, 1680. It will be noticed that Mr. Tapp had eleven men to Mr. Montgomery's nine, so it was decided to leave off the two smallest scores on Mr. Tapp's side, which would leave only 450 of a majority for that gentleman, sufficient, however, to elect the other side for all class supply, which was partaken of by both teams at the Grand Central Hotel, Virden.

Extensive Art Gallery.

Next to the Bible, no book is more useful than Webster's Dictionary. The Unabridged is an extensive art-gallery containing over three thousand engravings, representing almost every animal, insect, reptile, implement, plant, etc., which we know anything about. It is a vast library, giving information on almost every conceivable subject. It, indeed, has been well remarked that it is the most remarkable compendium of human knowledge in our language. The value of its illustrated definitions, the pictures in Webster under the 12 words, Beef, Boiler, Cattle, Column, Eye, Horse, Moldings, Phrenology, Ravelin, ships (pages 1,164 and 1,219) Steam Engine, Timbers, define 343 words and terms far better than can be defined in words.



CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. WESTERN DIVISION.

TRAIN SERVICE.

On and after May 21st, 1885, trains will move as follows:

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